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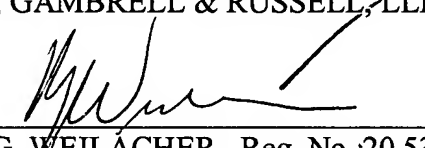
Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, Applicants are enclosing an Information Disclosure Citation Form (PTO-1449) and a copy of the document cited therein.

It is respectfully requested that the cited document be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited document be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, and therefore it is believed that no fees are due under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(i).

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